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1. A conference of the Bereitschaft Commandants took place on 1 and 2 February 1950. It was attended by Wilhelm Zeisser, head of the Verwaltung für Ausbildung, Dölling (fnu), head of Hauptabteilung Polit/Kultur, as well as four majors on the staff of Major General Petrakovski (fnu), who is at the head of the Russian Department for Military Affairs.
2. Zeisser elaborated on the themes which he had already developed at the conference for all Police School Commandants which took place at Döbeln on 25-26 January 1950.* Zeisser also made the following statements:
 - a. The current training program is scheduled to continue, without any major changes, until the fall. At that time, however, basic structural changes are expected to take place which will involve a large scale reshuffling of personnel.** Bereitschaft Commandants should therefore refrain from making any arrangements for their families which might be based on an expected long-term assignment at their present posts.
 - b. An official distinction between Objekte and Police Units is to be expected. A new uniform is to be issued, which will presumably be worn for the first time on the occasion of the FDJ festivities on Sunday 28 May 1950. This gathering is to be attended by FDJ delegations who will be selected from among the activist trainees in schools and Bereitschaften.
3. Zeisser's Deputy General, Chefinspekteur Hans Wulz, and Oberrat Weikert (fnu), who is head of the Buildings and Real Estate Section in the Hauptabteilung Intendantur, were scheduled to leave for Stralsund on 7 February 1950 in order to make a survey of sites which might be available for the establishment of a naval unit. This was because of the fact that Prora, on Ruegen Island, had been found to be unsuitable.

* Comment: See ** Comment: This reshuffle will presumably be adapted to the transformation of training units into tactical units.

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